

House Bill 959 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Maddox of the 172nd, Lindsey of the 54th, Fleming of the 117th, O'Neal of the 146th, Roberts of the 154th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 40-6-222 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to parking permits for persons with disabilities, so as to change certain provisions relating to permits for permanently disabled persons; to provide for permits issued to permanently disabled minors; to provide a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as "Mallory's Act."

SECTION 2.

Code Section 40-6-222 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to parking permits for persons with disabilities, is amended by striking subsection (c) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(c) The department shall issue a permanent permit to any person who is obviously permanently disabled and to any other permanently disabled person upon presentation of an affidavit of a practitioner of the healing arts stating that such person is a permanently disabled person. The affidavit shall further state the specific disability that limits or impairs the person's ability to walk or that he or she is a person with disabilities as specified in subparagraph (G) of paragraph (5) of Code Section 40-6-221. The department shall also issue a permanent permit to an institution which operates vehicles used primarily for the transportation of individuals with disabilities, upon presentation of a certification from the institution regarding use of its vehicles. The institution shall receive permits only for the number of vehicles so used and shall affix the permits to the driver's side of the dashboards of such vehicles. The permanent permit shall vary in color from one period to the next renewal period, but shall not be predominately red in color and shall show prominently on its face an expiration date two years from the date it is issued; provided,

1 however, that any permanent permit issued to a minor shall prominently display the word
2 'minor' and show an expiration date the same as the date of his or her eighteenth birthday
3 or two years from the date it is issued, whichever occurs last. The expiration date of any
4 permanent permit shall be printed in a size of print that is legible when the permit is hung
5 from the rearview mirror or displayed on the driver's side of the dashboard."

6 **SECTION 3.**

7 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.